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Sent:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 12:35 PM

To: Subject: Appeals Appeal

Attachments:

Denial of Appeal.pdf; DOC120314.pdf; ATT13943503.txt

Importance:

High

It has come to my attention that we were not granted the funding for one month because our billing system prints the previous months date on the first page. The correct dates are provided on the inside of the page of the bill which also shows the months billing cycle and month discount. I would like to resolve this ASAP. I have attached a copy of the Denial of Appeal and the bill.

Please feel free to call me if questions arise!

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Billed Entity Number: Form 471 Application Number: Form 486 Application Number:

792422

133208



# Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

# Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2011-2012

February 03, 2012

Marcia Evans Charter Fiberlink CCO, LLC 12405 Powerscourt Drive Saint Louis, MO 63131

Re: Applicant Name:

COLBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number:

133208

Form 471 Application Number:

792422 2144250

Funding Request Number(s): Your Correspondence Dated:

January 25, 2012

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2011 Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s):

2144250

Decision on Appeal:

Denied

Explanation:

• According to our records, it was determined that the funds were disbursed in excess of products and/or services actually delivered to the applicant. Specifically, the service provider invoiced USAC in excess of the amount billed and services provided to the applicant. The service provider provided five (5) months of bills to support their invoice but one (1) monthly bill was dated outside the fund year. FCC rules authorize USAC to disburse funds to service providers for providing supported services to eligible entities. These rules are violated if the service provider invoices USAC and receives payment for services and/or products in excess of what it delivered to the eligible entity. Since the services were invoiced via a Form 474 (SPI), this violation was caused by an act or omission of the service provider because the service provider is responsible for ensuring that it only receives support for services and/or products that it actually provides to its

customers. In your appeal, you did not prove that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied. Accordingly, USAC will seek recovery of the \$717.80 of improperly disbursed funds from the service provider.

USAC improperly disbursed funding for services that were not provided or equipment that was not installed as approved on the applicant's FCC Form 471. FCC rules authorize USAC to disburse funds to service providers for providing supported services to eligible entities. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.517. These rules are violated if the service provider receives payment for services and/or products that were not delivered to the eligible entity. In the Fifth Report and Order, the Commission stated that it would not be appropriate "for a beneficiary to retain an overpayment if, for some reason, USAC has mistakenly disbursed an amount in excess of that which the entity is allowed under our rules." See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Fifth Report and Order and Order, 19 FCC 15817-18, FCC 04-190 para. 29 (rel. Aug. 13, 2004). The FCC further states that "the service provider is likely to be the entity that fails to deliver supported services within the relevant funding year, fails to properly bill for supported services" and therefore, in such cases the service provider should be a party to whom recovery should be directed. See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, 02-6, Order on Reconsideration and Fourth Report and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 15252, 15257, FCC 04-181 para. 15 (rel. Jul. 30, 2004).

If your appeal has been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

cc: Kristen Seifert



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### **Account Information**

Thank you for choosing Charter. We appreciate your prompt payment and value you as a customer.

#### **Charter Business News**

USAC: \*A percentage may be covered by USAC for services that were approved for funding. Additionally, USAC may also cover Priority 1 Telecommunications services on this bill that were approved for funding.

Security Code: 7377

Statement of Service

June 23, 2011

Colby School Di

ate bill gets
printed Account no. 8245 11 795 0003269 Phone Number (999) 999-9999

505 W Spence St Control Account Colby WI 54421-9644

Contact us

For Billing or Service Inquiries visit us at www.charter.com or call 1-888-GET-CHARTER (1-888-438-2427)

### Summary Details on following pages

Payments Received	Total due by 07/17/11	\$253.85
Payments Received -	harter Business Services	253.85
1	Remaining Balance	\$0.00
Previous Balance \$	ayments Received	-281.30
	Previous Balance	\$281.30

## Visit us on the web at www.Charter-Business.com

## **Payment Options**

Pay Online - Create or Login to MyAccount to pay or view your bill online at charter.com/myaccount. Pay by Mail - Detach this portion of your statement and send it with your check made payable to Charter in the enclosed envelope. Please do not include correspondences of any type with payments. For questions or concerns, please call 1-888-438-2427.

Change of billing address

Check here and make changes on the back.



**COLBY SCHOOL DI** 8245 11 795 0003269 Account (999) 999-9999 Phone Number **505 W SPENCE ST** 

June 23, 2011

**COLBY WI 54421-9644** 

\$253.85 Total due by 07/17/11 \$ Amount you are enclosing:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS MILWAUKEE WI 53201-2981 յլեր հունը կինը նվանի միայի կիրաբերի այից հետ յլ<u>յիլը</u>





June 23, 2011 Colby School Di Account no. Security Code

Monthly Charges

Hierarchy ID:

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**Charge Details** 

Previous Balance
Jun 19 Payment - Thank You

\$281.30 -281.30

COSCROOT

STRICT - F COLBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

505 W SPENCE ST SPIN 143007625 COLBY, WI 54421-9644

Account Number: 8245112610001787

Security Code: 3192

**Monthly Charges** 

 Date
 Description
 Quantity
 Amount

 Jul 01 - Jul 31
 Spin
 1
 0.00

 143027625
 1
 0.00

Jul 01 - Jul 31 MBPS Optical Ethr Intra\* 30 FRN2144250-74%DISCOUNT NT

970.00

Monthly Charges Subtotal \$970.00

**Taxes and Fees** 

Date Description Amount
Jun 30 - Jul 29 State Universal Service Fund 1.65

Taxes and Fees Subtotal \$1.65

**Adjustments** 

Date Description Amount
Jul 12 Fm2144250-74%erate07/11 -717.80
Adjustment

Adjustments Subtotal -\$717.80

Total for Account 8245112610001787 \$253.85

COSCROOT SUBTOTAL 1 Account(s) \$253.85

Total for Control Account: COSC9999

**Total due by 07/17/11** 

Total Accounts: 1

\$253.85

\$253.85

Adjustment for Month of 09/1,



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